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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Ex-Parte Comments filed under FCC Docket 96-86 addressing the need for public safety to utilize existing wideband 700 MHz allocations in bandwidths wider than 150 KHz while managed at the regional level, when necessary.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The National Association of Regional Planning Committees hereby submits the attached Ex-Parte Comments in FCC Docket 96-86, to provide the Commission public safety input from the user community highlighting the advantages offered by increasing 700 MHz wideband data channel aggregation above 150 KHz and how such aggregation can potentially improve serving the diverse needs of public safety's user community while potentially improving the degree of data interoperability in the region, as defined by its users.

Respectfully submitted,

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